

a1 ~~line 21, after "surfaces" insert 1-~~ to generate diffused light passing through the light control element toward a light emitting side thereof--.

~~Page 9,~~ ~~line 14, change "6" to --7 backed by reflector 8--.~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

a2 ~~Sub 1/1~~ 1. (ONCE AMENDED) A light control element [having on at least one side] ~~extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface and having a light emitting side, [wherein] said prismatic surface [has a great number of] having repeated projections [having] with slopes inclined with respect to the [general] plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element toward the light emitting side.~~

2. (ONCE AMENDED) A light control element according to claim 1, wherein said [great number of] projections extend in one common direction and are repeatedly arranged in a direction perpendicular to said one common direction, each of said [great number of] projections having a substantially triangular cross section.

a3 ~~Sub 2/2~~ 4. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising: a light guide plate having an incidence end surface, an exiting surface and a [varying] thickness gradually decreasing away from [its] the incidence end surface;

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a primary light source for supplying illumination light to said light guide plate from said incidence end surface, the supplied light being deflected in the light guide plate and emitted from an exiting surface of the light guide plate; and

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a light control element disposed along the exiting surface of said light guide plate [and] , the light control element extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface [on at least one side relatively near] adjacent to said light guide plate and having a light emitting side, said prismatic surface having [a great number of] repeated projections [having] with slopes inclined with respect to the [general] plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element towards the light emitting side.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type according to claim 4, wherein said [great number of] projections extend in one common direction and are repeatedly arranged in a direction perpendicularly to said one common direction, each of said [great number of] projections having a substantially triangular cross section.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been amended. Claims 1-6 are pending and under consideration.

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